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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 5/6/2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The amendment does not conform to Rule 173 in that the claims must be amended by bracketing and underlining relative to the original patent claims. Further, only the amended claims should be submitted as well as a statement of cancelled claims. Further, there should be a status of all claims and an explanation of support for all patent changes attached, note in particular the added term "slidingly". See 37 CFR 1.73. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

2. Applicant is also appraised that the declaration submitted 5/6/2003 is insufficient in that no specific error is listed and all of sections (I-IV) of MPEP 1414 are not included. See in particular page 1400-25 for a suggested format. Further, a supplemental declaration with statement of lack of deceptive intent regarding all errors not covered by the original declaration (see MPEP 1414.01) is required.

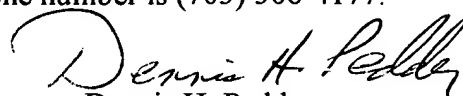
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dennis H. Pedder whose telephone number is (703) 308-2178. The examiner can normally be reached on 5:30-2:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn D. Dayoan can be reached on (703) 308-3102. The fax phone numbers for the

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 306-4177.



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